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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, JM, US

SUBJECT: ENDS JAMAICA VISIT WITH PRESS CONFERENCE NKOMO

1. JOSHUA NKOMO COMPLETED A TWO-DAY VISIT TO JAMAICA TODAY (AUGUST 4). BEFORE HIS DEPARTURE, NKOMO HELD A PRESS CONFERENCE WHICH MAY WELL FIGURE IN THE QUESTIONS AMBASSADOR YOUNG RECEIVES DURING HIS PRESS CONFERENCE AND IN THE MEETING WITH STUDENTS IN KINGSTON.

2. ACCORDING TO A MEMBER OF THE UK HIGH COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE, NKOMO SAID:

--THE U.S. HAS NO STANDING TO PARTICIPATE IN NEGOTIATIONS AIMED AT A RESOLUTION OF THE ZIMBABWE PROBLEM. OUR ASSISTANCE --FROM THE SIDELINES-- IS WELCOME BUT, UNLIKE THE BRITISH, THE US CANNOT BE A PARTY TO THE NEGOTIATIONS. MOREOVER, IF US IS BROUGHT IN, THEN "OTHER" COUNTRIES CAN BE BROUGHT IN. THE PROBLEM COULD THEN BECOME ONE OF GREAT-POWER CONFRONTATION.

--THE ELCTIONS CALLED BY SMITH ARE IRRE-  
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LEVANT. THE POPULAR FRONT HOLDS 75 PERCENT OF THE COUNTRY, THUS MAKING ELECTIONS MEANINGLESS.

--MUZOREWA IS A TRAITOR. SMITH WANTS SUCH "BLACK WEAKLINGS". THE ORGANIZATION OF AFRICAN UNITY HAS CONCLUDED THAT THE POPULAR FRONT IS THE ONLY EFFECTIVE GROUP.

WHILE THE POPULAR FRONT IS FIGHTING FOR ZIMBABWE, THERE IS NO SPECIAL NECESSITY FOR IT TO FORM THE POST-INDEPENDENCE GOVERNMENT.

--AMERICAN AND BRITISH MERCENARIES ARE FIGHTING IN RHODESIA AS MEMBERS OF THE RHODESIAN SCOUTS. THE AMERICANS HAVE ALREADY BEEN BLOODED IN VIETNAM.

--IN RESPONSE TO A QUERY ABOUT AMERICAN IMPORTS OF RHODESIAN CHROME, THAT HE IS THANKFUL THAT THE AMERICANS HAD AMENDED THE BYRD AMENDMENT. HOWEVER, HE THOUGHT IT MADE LITTLE DIFFERENCE AND SUGGESTED THAT CHROME IS STILL MOVING TO THE U.S.

--IN RESPONSE TO A QUESTION ABOUT AMERICAN AND BRITISH ATTITUDES TOWARD RHODESIA, THAT THE SMITH REGIME HAS THE BACKING OF THE INTERNATIONAL BANKS AND OIL COMPANIES, AND BOTH HMG AND THE USG ARE AWARE OF THIS.

--WHEN QUERIED ABOUT AMBASSADOR YOUNG AND HIS ROLE WITHIN THE USG, THAT HE (AMBASSADOR YOUNG) IS A BLACK MAN BEING USED BY THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION. NKOMO WENT ON TO CONFIDENTIAL

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SAY THAT SINCE AMBASSADOR YOUNG IS AN AMERICAN, HE IS AN IMPERIALIST.  
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